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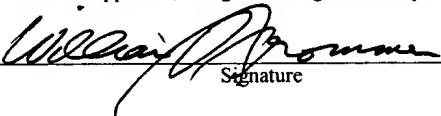
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Dated: 05/04/2004
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For : SIGNAL INPUT AND OUTPUT APPARATUS THAT
DISCRIMINATES BETWEEN PLURALITY OF
DIFFERENT DEVICES EACH ISSUING UNIQUE
CONTROL SIGNALS SUBSTANTIALLY
SIMULTANEOUSLY THROUGH SINGLE
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This is in response to the Office Communication mailed May 12, 2005 in the above-
identified application.

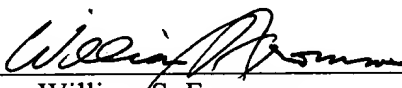
The May 12th Communication correctly notes that the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 14, 2004 erroneously states that the document submitted by that IDS was cited in a Search Report issued in the corresponding Chinese application "not more than three months prior to the filing of" the IDS. The Chinese Search Report issued on April 25, 2003, whereas the IDS was filed on June 14, 2004. Applicants' representative apologizes for the error noted in the IDS, which arose because Applicants' representative erroneously read the issue date of the Search Report as 2004 and not 2003.

Nevertheless, it is believed that the document cited in the IDS does not anticipate or render obvious any of the claims that have been allowed in the instant application. The teachings of that document were taken into account when claims 1 and 6 were amended by the amendment filed February 24, 2004.

The Issue Fee has been paid for the above-identified application; and it is respectfully submitted that this application is in proper form for the issuance of the patent. Further processing of this application and the printing of the patent therefrom are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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